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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the reference(s) listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is/are being submitted for consideration by the Examiner without any admission that it/they constitute(s) statutory prior art, or without any admission that it/they contain(s) subject matter that anticipates the invention or renders the invention obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art.


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Although no fees are believed to be due at this time, it is respectfully requested that any such fees be charged to Deposit Account 50-1147. Also, the Examiner is requested to initial the attached PTO Form-1449 and to return a copy of same to the undersigned attorney as proof that the listed reference(s) has/have been considered and made of record.

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		5,037,130	Aug. 6, 1991	Okuyama		

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		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	YES	NO	
										Eng. Abstract
		JP-A-7-246900	9/26/95	Japan						X
		EP 0 856 434 A1	8/5/98	Europe				X		
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